(b) An Ambassador car is allotted to a Member of Parliament on receipt of a specific request from him. The car is allotted from Defence Surplus Stock of the Ordance Depots on "as is where is" basis. Depending on the availability of vehicles, the requests received are attended to on a "first come first served" basis. The allottee is required to collect the car within a period of 90 days from the date of issue of the authority letter. The price of the car is fixed annually on the basis of the average price fetched in the auction of similar vehicles in the previous years. Not more than one Ambassador car is allotted to a Member of Parliament.

Indo-FRG Co-Ordination in Research and Development

3987. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and the FRG are to co-ordinate their research and development in several frontier areas of science and technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) India and FRG have bilateral arrangements for cooperation in Science & Technology involving various agencies and organisations with specific programmes in their respective areas of interest. These include:—

— Standards, materials, aeronautics;
— Remote sensing, space communication technology, computer networking;
— Production and application of radio-isotopes for peaceful purposes, radiation protection and safety devices, nuclear & solid state physics and nuclear chemistry;
— Monitoring of air pollution and water pollution and soil erosion;
— Biotechnology;
— Bio-medical research.

Schemes to Reduce Unemployment

3988. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the impact of Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) on the total problem of unemployment of educated youth in Urban areas;

(b) if so, whether this scheme has succeeded in substantially reducing the level of unemployment in cities; and

(c) if not, what other schemes/projects Government are contemplatting to implement to reduce growing unemployment and resultant frustration among the urban youth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Under the Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) introduced from 1.9.1986, loans have been disbursed in 2.67 lakh cases involving Rs. 85.46 crores while under the Scheme for Self-Employment for Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY), during the last four years of its operation, loans have actually been disbursed to 6.56 lakh eligible applicants amounting to Rs. 1046.62 crores. Both SEPUP and SEEUY are expected to reduce unemployment and also improve the economic status of the beneficiaries.